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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were usually sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to very good. In the Northeast region, some problems were reported due to the wintry weather during the weekend. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to in balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-68	59-65	LARGE	41-49	44
LARGE	57-67	58-61	MEDIUM	31-36	34
MEDIUM	37-57	49-52	SMALL	8-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where wintry weather conditions caused panic shopping. Very few problems were reported due to the weekend's wintry weather havoc. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-80	66-69
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	52-61	53-56

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service movement was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
MEDIUM	53.5-62	55-58

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on large and medium. Extra large prices were irregular when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to very good. Supplies were about adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.25-71	65-68
LARGE	46.25-69	63-66
MEDIUM	32.25-60	53-57

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged when compared late last week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good. Slowness in transportation was noted due the past weekend's wintry weather, however most locations were reporting generally normal business. Supplies were usually sufficient for present requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-77
LARGE	71-75
MEDIUM	60-64

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were sharply higher. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was still moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	67-69
LARGE	64-72	65-68
MEDIUM	56-63	57-59

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 15-16 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 18 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last week with California up 17% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings continued light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 16 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 18 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 17% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 71. No new ads noted in Northern California.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	123
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	91

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239	
MEDIUM	189-205	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 28, 2005 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 21, 2005 were 233,548 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	197,269	36,279	233,548

% change from the prior week.....	-11	-1	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand mostly light. Most breakers were assessing current breaking stock needs and working to minimize unsold liquid production. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-32	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for reduced but adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were less than normal. Finished sales were clearing available production. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
24-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.50	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for trade needs and well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
24-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.68	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 24, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	18.7	7.9	10.2	54.7
	Change	1.7	6.1	2.3	0.6	25%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	43.2	9.5	25.9	128.7
	Change	0.3	5.0	-7.2	0.0	3%
Large	Curr Wk	34.1	103.3	45.8	87.9	344.4
	Change	-16.0	0.3	-10.5	-6.8	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	38.1	12.0	21.9	106.8
	Change	-0.9	6.8	0.1	2.6	9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	9.2	3.1	4.8	24.3
	Change	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.0	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	38.8	8.4	15.5	74.7
	Change	0.0	-2.7	-0.6	0.6	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.4	67.9	19.1	31.3	149.7
	Change	2.6	-8.9	2.2	3.7	0%
Total	Curr Wk	100.2	319.2	105.8	197.5	883.3
Percent	Change	-10%	2%	-11%	0%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	883.3	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	266.7	-3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1150.0	-1%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 10, 2005 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77
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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 21, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							14.00	FUTURE LOADS							19.00	TOTAL LOADS							33.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	43.00	54.00	43.50	45.00	47.00	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	5.50							
GL W XL	61.25	63.00	59.00	61.00	58.00	—	8.50	GL W LG	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	68.50	5.50							
GL W LG	—	59.00	55.00	—	—	—	5.50	GL W MD	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00							
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	51.50	—	2.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/17/05-01/21/05

CURRENT LOADS 102.00								FUTURE LOADS 119.25								TOTAL LOADS 221.25										
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	41.33	46.62		41.20	42.88		45.75	47.90	59.00	GNR W 1	—	51.25	—	—		—	GNR W 1	—	51.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		41.00	44.50	8.00	GNR W 2	—	41.75	—	—		—	GNR W 2	—	41.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—		25.50	27.00		39.14	41.00	8.00	GNR W 3	—	43.33	—	—		—	GNR W 3	—	43.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	67.00		—	—		—	—	5.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—		—	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—		67.50	69.00		—	60.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	58.00	82.00	69.82		—	GL W XL	—	58.00	82.00	69.82	—	70.92	—	18.75	
GL W XL	60.56	62.56		54.88	55.37		63.25	—	40.50	GL W LG	60.00	60.57	79.00	67.95		—	GL W LG	60.00	60.57	79.00	67.95	—	66.08	—	63.50	
GL W LG	54.00	57.68		50.31	50.00		54.39	50.00	71.25	GL W MD	45.00	56.00	—	—		—	GL W MD	45.00	56.00	—	—	—	52.80	—	12.00	
GL W MD	—	—		—	49.00		43.60	43.50	12.00																	
GL W SM	24.71	27.07		22.00	24.00		22.00	25.00	7.00																	
GL BR LG	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00																	
GL BR MD	26.00	28.50		—	—		—	—	.75																	
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	31.00		27.82	30.35	40.00																	
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—		—	29.33	3.00																	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/17/05	01/10/05	01/19/04
PACIFIC COAST	427	432	123
LOS ANGELES	417	421	39

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market was higher on large and extra large, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate to meet the good demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	84.63
LARGE	80.63
MEDIUM	70.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 1/24/2005

Report Period: 12/26/2004 - 01/01/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,510	1,510
Arkansas	0	0	750	750
Colorado	0	0	3,610	3,610
Illinois	0	0	480	480
Iowa	4,398	780	49,179	54,357
Minnesota	4,360	855	4,750	9,965
Missouri	845	0	2,409	3,254
Nevada	0	0	3,857	3,857
New Hampshire	0	0	780	780
North Carolina	0	0	750	750
Ohio	0	0	1,640	1,640
Oregon	3,179	786	60	4,025
South Dakota	0	0	780	780
Texas	0	0	3,356	3,356
Utah	1,113	1,260	13,125	15,498
TOTAL	13,895	3,681	87,036	104,612
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	13,895	3,681	87,036	104,612